

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6-8 and 10-12 are pending. Reconsideration is requested.

Claim 11 was rejected by the Board of Appeals under 35 USC § 102(a) as being anticipated by Yousif *et al.* Claim 11 has been amended to require inclusion of the filtration column, as suggested in the Decision at page 12, lines 11-14. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim 6 has been amended to correct improper antecedent basis caused by the recitation of both "suspension" and "solution".

All rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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